



Streamline



Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International



Event Calendar

May 29th - September 6th - All Fish, All Oklahoma Fishing Challenge

June 1st - Charles Pratt at Heirloom Rustic Ales, Speaking on the Zink Dam Project - 7 PM

June 26th - End of the Year Picnic at Hunter Park

If you have a friend who is not a member who might be interested in this information please feel free to forward this issue to your friend. [Forward this message to a friend.](#)

A Message from Your President



Heath Tiefenauer

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's},

Welcome to the June edition of Streamline. June? Yes, it's already June. The first part of this year has flown right by and Summer is nearly here.

As we look to the start of Summer and our group's Summer break, I also find myself looking back at the past few months. The first part of the year has been great and we have all of you to thank for it. I'm grateful for the support of every person who tuned into a Zoom meeting, came out for a general meeting at the Park or Gathering Place. A special thank you to those who braved the weather and sometimes less than favorable fishing conditions to spend some time together at one of our outings. It's been amazing to see everyone again now that opportunities to get together are improving.

We have one last event in June, our end of season Summer Picnic. We'll get together at Hunter Park one last time for another lunch event, some pond fishing and one last chance to get an Outings poker card. Join us June 26th, 11AM – 2PM for this last event of the season. If you are at the event you can turn in your Outings poker cards. For anyone not able to attend the event you have the option to mail your best 5 card hand to the TU Post Office Box: TU Chapter 420, PO Box 54108, Tulsa OK 74155. Mail in entries must be postmarked before July 1. We'll announce our winner on Facebook and with a special email to this newsletter group during the first week of July.

As the Summer rolls on we hope you will participate in our **15 Species Summer Tournament**. Either as an individual or as part of a Team. This is a great event to diversify your fishing opportunities and enjoy all the great species Oklahoma has to offer. More details later in this newsletter.

Outings

End of the Year Picnic



Where: Hunter Park Pavilion (91st & Sheridan, Tulsa) [Google Map Link](#)

When: Saturday June 26th

Time: 11AM - 2PM

Lunch, Pond fishing, and your final opportunity to get a Outings Poker Card!

It's ON!



Fishing Challenge Travelling Trophy

I'm talking about the **ALL FISH ALL OKLAHOMA FLY FISHING CHALLENGE!**

When you are reading this, some participants will be well on their way to completing the 15 x 15 as it has become known. That is, to catch 15 species in 15 weeks, all in Oklahoma and all using only a fly rod and flies.

But and this is important, don't feel like you missed it because it has already started. (began May 29th) You can sign-up any time, now or with only days left. Last year one of the contestants finished the 15 x 15 in only a couple days and you can too, but not if you don't try. There was also a team that

We look forward to resuming our meeting schedule and monthly outings in September. Until then, be well, be outside and fish on!

Tight Lines,

Heath Tiefenauer
President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

2021/2022 GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

We take our usual summer break from programs to go chase trout on the fly. Our monthly meetings will begin again on Thursday, September 9th. Also, we want to provide you with outstanding fall programs that are highly interesting to you, so your input is important.

Please let our programs coordinator, Pat Daly, know what programs, topics, and guest speakers you're interested in. Reach Pat at pat@cimtel.net when he's not on his other line fly fishing. We look forward to seeing you on the river and at our September meeting. In the meantime, be sure and stay up to date on our Facebook page and our home page www.TU420.com

Trout in the Classroom

Trout in the Classroom is a wrap for 2020-21



Tulsa Street School Kids

We had our last "release" day on May 13th with the Tulsa Street School kids. It was a great deal, because we would not have been able to go to the Lower Illinois River due to flooding occurring at the time. Ed Jones was kind enough to ask if the students could go to the Trout Ranch for their day outing. The kids and I, as well as our TU volunteers enjoyed a sunny and very mild day. Fish were caught on this outing with several of the students catching their first fish ever.

signed up in the last weeks last year and they also completed the challenge.

My friends and fellow fly fishers consider this is even more important ... it's a DONATION. That donation is only \$25 and you put yourself to a test, your own test. You don't have to actually win it to have fun, you challenge yourself to just get out there and see just how many of the 15 species you can catch. How many can you get in a day, in a weekend, in a month or in the entire remaining weeks? Put them all together and the next thing you know you've narrowed it down to only a couple species left. It's fun and sitting on the sidelines watching isn't nearly as fun and finding yourself in that finishing group with a chance to win it all.

Don't wait, read the simple rules in this newsletter and get started. You've got lots of time, it doesn't end until midnight on Labor Day. Come on, go to www.tu420.com see TOURNAMENTS in the upper right-hand corner. Have your credit card handy and sign-up... then go catch a fish!

See you on the river, stream, pond or lake!

Scott Hood

Editor's Note: For those who might find 15 fish a bigger challenge than they want to tackle, please consider forming or joining a Team. The rules of the Team Challenge only require each participant to catch 3 fish. Look to family, friends, or FaceBook acquaintances as possible teammates, Post your request on our FaceBook page, if you need help in forming or joining a team.

2021 Conservation Issues

Conservation is Our Passion

As we approach the summer break, I've been reminiscing on the past year of conservation efforts that our chapter has been involved with.

This year's legislative session had several anti-public lands bills that would've limited our future water access. If those bills would have passed, it would have been almost impossible for us to add to or bring on new river wilderness management areas, like our beloved Watts on the lower Illinois. Luckily, our collaborative efforts with other conservation groups were enough to knock these bills out until next year.

We also continued to hold the OWRB accountable for better standards and data on water quality regarding the Illinois River basin, including Lake Tenkiller. As commercial chicken farming growth



Tulsa Street Kids at Trout Ranch

At this time, I'd like to call out all those people who gave of their time and talents to help on all the releases. Too many to mention here, but you know who you are, and I wish good Karma to fall on all of you.

We are already looking forward to the 2021-22 school year and hope we are back to normal and growing the program with more tanks for more schools and engaging more students.

If you'd like to make a donation to the OKTU420 TIC program please go to www.tu420.com and search out the donation page and please give generously. Annual maintenance on each tank runs about \$250 and a complete new set up for a new school is about \$1200.

Thank you.

Scott Hood
Education Coordinator for TU420

Birch Lake Outing Report



Thank you to everyone who took a chance on the uncertain weather and the new fishing venue for our May outing. The weather turned out to be much

continues to multiply throughout the watershed, we will also continue making very concerted efforts to get at the very least, minimal regulations and enforcement for our scenic rivers.

When we start back at up this year, we will be extremely focused on our goals for the Arkansas River. There is still no egg passage and/or fish migration in the operations plan for the new Zink Dam. We will be coming up with a more focused strategy in the coming months for applying pressure to the mayor and the city council to consider the ecological consequences of the dam if the 25+ native species aren't given the opportunity to properly spawn.

Have a good summer!

Jake Miller
Conservation Chair

Third Annual All Fish All Oklahoma Fly Fishing Challenge

15 Species in 14 Weeks On the Fly!

The 2021 Challenge runs from Saturday, May 29th until midnight Sept. 6, Labor Day 2021!

Fee to participate \$25.

Winner gets 1/2 the pot, a traveling trophy (Pictured) and bragging rights. OKTU420 Chapter retains the other 1/2 of the pot.

[Awards and prizes presented at the September 9th OKTU/TFF meeting.](#)

Species are:

- 1) Rainbow Trout
- 2) Longear Sunfish
- 3) Smallmouth Bass
- 4) Largemouth Bass
- 5) Striped Bass
- 6) Crappie
- 7) Bluegill
- 8) Green Sunfish
- 9) Redear Sunfish
- 10) Channel Catfish
- 11) Drum
- 12) Sand Bass
- 13) Kentucky Bass
- 14) Hybrid Striper/Sand Bass
- 15) Wild Card Fish - ANY NON-DESIGNATED FISH caught in Oklahoma on a fly rod and a fly

RULES: All species must be caught with a fly rod and fly in Oklahoma. Participant must agree to pay the \$25 entry fee once they register the first catch on the closed Facebook group page with the same name: **All Fish All Oklahoma Fly Fishing Challenge**. You must have a Facebook page to compete. You must take a photo of the fish with something having your name on it, or as a selfie. Pictures must be posted with date of catch, place of catch and species claimed. Each must be posted to the Facebook Group **within one week** of

better than it seemed. The fishing, comradery and food lived up to everything we expect from our monthly outings.



Birch lake offered multiple species and it seems everyone had slightly different results, but overall good results. We'll definitely keep this venue in our back pocket for future outings. Hope to see you there next time!



Respectfully,

Heath Tiefenauer

Outings Poker

Outings Poker is a new outing and event-oriented game for the 2020-2021 season. No purchase is necessary, and everyone is welcome to play!

How to play:

Receive 1 fly fishing themed playing card for each outing or special event you attend.

No purchase is necessary. Cards will be distributed at the start of events.

Each card will be specially stamped and the stamp for each event will be different.

At the end of the season the player with the best

the catch. In the event of a questioned species claim, 2 judges will rule, all rulings are final.

It is not a race to finish, pace yourself. You'll have all summer to complete the challenge. Complete all 15 species to be eligible to win the challenge. If more than one person completes the challenge, the winner will be determined by random name draw in September. Separate, non-monetary prizes awarded for largest fish of these species: Rainbow, Smallmouth, Largemouth, Striped Bass, Sand Bass, and Bluegill. The largest fish must be caught in public access waters only.

When posting for the "Big Fish" challenge, measure to the nearest quarter inch. Bump boards preferred. Tape measurement will be accepted. Picture and Measurement must be legible to be scored by the Judges. Enter your largest catch anytime you catch a larger fish than your first entry. In the event of a tie for largest catch in any species, the winner will also be drawn by random name draw.

This is to be a fun fundraiser and each individual participating is expected to be honest and all catches are to be made in a legal manor obeying all Oklahoma fishing regulations. Fish caught when a participating angler is using a guide or guide service will qualify.

Team Challenge Event:

Register a 4-member angler team to complete the 15 fish challenge and win a hosted fishing trip on the Upper or Lower Illinois River. Team Entry Fee is \$100. Make your team up with 4 of your friends and/or workmates. In the team challenge the only additional requirement is that each team member must contribute at least 3 of the species and post the catch properly labeled, by species, location, dated and otherwise identify the angler and the team with the catch. Anyone can participate as an individual or as a team member, but a catch can only be counted one time, in the individual challenge or in the team event, but not in both.

If more than 1 team completes the challenge, winner will be selected from teams completing the challenge by random drawing at the September OKTU/TFF meeting. Oklahoma Fly Fishing (Donavan Clary) is offering the hosted guide trip on one of our great Oklahoma waters. His choice and subject to availability.

Register at the [TU420 Tournament Website](#).

Help for Website

Occasionally, you may experience a broken link on

traditional 5 card poker hand will win a new fly rod!

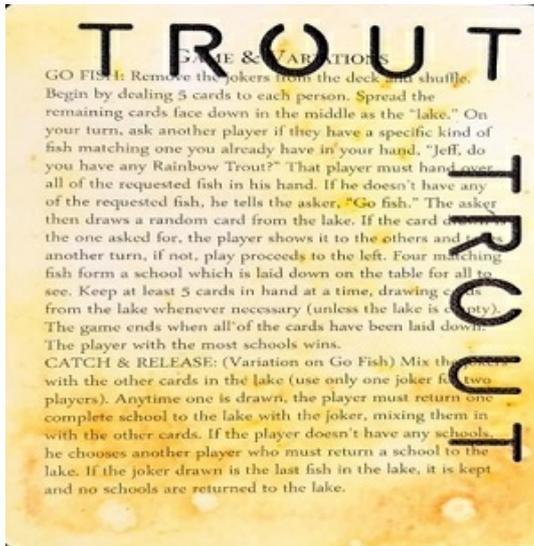
Your 5-card hand can only contain 1 card from each event. Any hands with duplicate markings will be disqualified.

It is not necessary to fully spell TROUT if there are no duplicate markings.

Cards will be available at every monthly outing and certain special events.

Attend every event and collect 10 cards total. Double the chance for a winning hand!

Each event card will feature only one of the stamped letters shown below:



one of our web pages. This usually happens as the source provider has done some maintenance requiring a change to that link or is no longer publishing that website.

In either case, if anyone runs into this situation, it would be helpful if you could contact me at:

tu420web@gmail.com

so that link can be corrected or removed from the webpage.

Thanks for your help.

Frank Kohn
Webmaster

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

September 9th - First General Meeting of TU420 for the 2021/2022 Year

December 9th - Christmas Party (Save the Date)

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